



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 3

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2006

Meeting Location: Juvenile Justice Center, South Bend, IN

Council Members Present: Mike Carroll, Marshall County DCS, Tony Sommer, Elkhart County DCS, Chuck Smith, St. Joseph County DCS, Peggy Shively, Kosciusko County DCS, Sally Greenlee, Marshall County DCS, Terry Zornig, St. Joseph County DCS, Linda Cioch, Regional Manager

Council Members Absent: The Honorable Peter Nemeth, The Honorable Duane G. Huffer, Magistrate Deborah Domine, Sally Mahnken, CASA Kosciusko County, The Honorable Michael Cook

Others In Attendance: Bill Bruinsma, Executive Director Juvenile Justice Center and James Shively, Dodson, Shively & Associates

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Meeting Called to Order at: 10:05 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to select a Community Partner and to vote on whether or not to continue using the CASIE Center of South Bend. New Service Standards for the Child Advocacy Center were distributed to each member in attendance.

1. Discussion was held as to whether we would continue to use CASIE Center in South Bend for providing services. CASIE Center had submitted their application timely for contracting purposes but they did not fully understand the requirements and criteria involved in the contracting method so could not be considered to provide services. It was decided that we would continue to use CASIE Center's services and pay them from the Child Welfare Services account until December 31, 2006 at which time they would need to submit an adjusted application according to service standards. The motion was made to continue using CASIE Center and the motion was carried.

2. The second matter of business was to vote on the Community Partner. Both SCAN and Dunebrook had submitted and made presentations regarding their proposal. It was the general consensus of the council members that SCAN would

better serve the region as the Community Partner. The motion was made and carried to select SCAN.

3. Lengthy discussion was held on the whole change of philosophy we are headed for; being from a more strength-based and family-focused method to make sure that each child gets the same services. SCAN would be providing initial assessments and they would be subcontracting some services out to other community agencies. The Council's job is to set up what we want in the way of services for our communities and let SCAN know what we want. We need to look at each individual community and see where the biggest needs are and make sure there is communication with the Community Partner to make sure duplication of services does not occur. It was suggested that a Task Force be formed in order to do this. Members of this Task Force are: Peggy Shively, Michael Carroll, Tony Sommer and Chuck Smith. Linda suggested that this Task Force have some input on what the Council is expecting from the Community Partner before the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be Monday, June 19, 2006. The location of the meeting is to be announced.

Meeting Adjourned at: 11:45 a.m.